

SEA BIRD SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

Live animals:

- 1 Identify, noting immediate observable characteristics
- 2 Photograph
- 3 Check for the presence of bands
- 4 Release

Dead animals:

- 1 Identify, noting immediate observable characteristics
- 2 Photograph
- 3 Check for the presence of bands
- 4 Retain whole seabird or feathers*

***NOTE:** For seabirds (fresh dead only) caught in the area between Maine and North Carolina, all attempts should be made to retain whole specimens. However, if unable, 20-30 breast feathers should be collected. Samples should be bagged and labeled with Tyvek tags, filled out as shown in Figure 34.



Figure 37. Example of commonly used bird bands. Photo courtesy of USGS, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

SEA BIRD SAMPLING PROTOCOLS

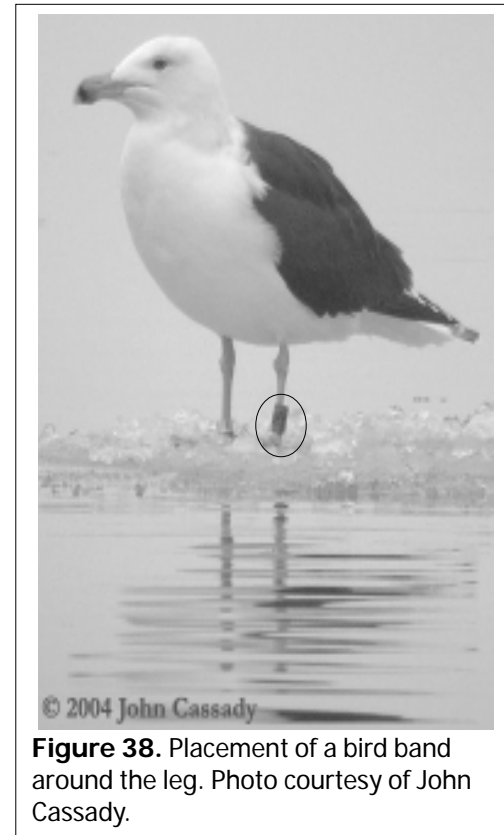


Figure 38. Placement of a bird band around the leg. Photo courtesy of John Cassady.